



## Network Congestion Validation, Version 3 - Bulletin

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Associated business practice: Scheduling Transmission Service

This validation enables BPA Transmission Services to restrict new transmission sales while network congestion is being mitigated. Use of the network congestion validation will continue until further notice.

Notification of the implementation and status of the Network Congestion Validation is now available.

### Process

1. To minimize the number of new TSRs that are processed when it is anticipated that congestion on the network will cause the capacity on any flowgate to exceed the limits, a network congestion event will be declared.
2. During a network congestion event, BPA Transmission Services will activate the network congestion validation on OASIS<sup>1</sup> for the impacted flowgate(s) and impacted hour(s) for new TSRs.
3. BPA Transmission Services will post the implementation and status of the validation for the impacted flowgate(s) on OASIS at [www.oatiaoasis.com](http://www.oatiaoasis.com) in WestTrans.
  - a. To view the posting, click the Notices tab. Select CURTAILMENT in the Category field and select the time period on the Message filter.
  - b. Customers can sign up to receive notification of the postings on the OASIS website at Options, Alarm Preferences.
4. BPA Transmission Services will also post the implementation and status of the validation for the impacted flowgates via WECCNet.
  - a. Customers can sign up to receive WECCNet messages via registration form on the WECC web site at [www.wecc.biz](http://www.wecc.biz) under Committees. Quick Link to CIIMS and select Documents.
5. When the network congestion validation is activated:
  - a. Available Transfer Capability (ATC<sup>2</sup>) posted in SysData on OASIS for the impacted flowgate(s) will be changed to zero during the impacted hour(s). ATC for the North of Hanford S>N and South of Allston S>N flowgates is not posted in SysData on OASIS.

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<sup>1</sup>Open Access Same-Time Information System

<sup>2</sup>Available Transfer Capability

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- b. New TSRs on the network will be evaluated for network ATC impacts, for purposes of the network congestion validation only, on the impacted flowgate(s) using the [ATC Implementation](#) document.
  - c. New TSRs that do not request MW over the impacted flowgate(s) or during the impacted hour(s) will pass the network congestion validation process.
  - d. New resales and new loss returns on the impacted flowgate(s) during the impacted hour(s) will pass the network congestion validation process.
  - e. New TSRs with de minimis impacts on the impacted flowgate(s) during the impacted hour(s) will pass the network congestion validation process.
  - f. New TSRs with non-de minimis ATC impacts on the impacted flowgate(s) during the impacted hour(s) will fail the network congestion validation process.
  - g. New TSRs that fail the network congestion validation process will be Refused with an error message “Network Congestion” in the seller comments field.
    - i. New TSRs that fail the network congestion validation process will not be evaluated for counteroffers.
    - ii. New Redirect TSRs will be evaluated on the redirected path only.
6. When the network congestion event has been resolved, network congestion validation will be turned off and new TSRs will be processed by normal procedures.